

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2013

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING DR. JOE SABOL AS THE 2013
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AGRICULTURALISTS OF THE YEAR**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2013, the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau will honor Dr. Joe Sabol as the recipient of the 2013 Agriculturalist of the Year award in appreciation of his community service and educational contribution to San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol came to California Polytechnic University after teaching at the high school and community college level in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol served as the department head as well as the associate dean and interim Dean of the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol also helped to establish the Cal Poly Agriculture Ambassadors in 1989 and created the National Agriculture Ambassador Conference held every year at the university. He helped to bring back Poly Royal as the first advisor to the new open house concept originally called "Poly-Ag- Review;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol was selected to be one of the Grand Marshals for the Cal Poly "Open House Parade" this year. Important to the agriculture industry, during his tenure, Dr. Sabol touched hundreds of future high school agriculture teachers who in turn touched tens of thousands of high school students who ultimately made their careers in agriculture. He still lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife, Jill. They have been married for almost 48 years and have two sons who are both married and in "education professions" here in California; and

WHEREAS, in his first year teaching at Cal Poly, Dr. Sabol was approached by Dean of Agriculture, J. Corder Gibson, and asked for his help with the implementation of the Agriculture Leadership Program coming to Cal Poly. That request started a 40 year journey during which he has helped shape the curriculum for what is widely recognized as the premier agricultural leadership program in the nation. During those years he has worked with more than 1000 mid-career agricultural professionals in helping them hone their leadership skills in order to serve the agriculture industry as well as their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol's service to agriculture has been recognized in a number of ways, but he is most proud of the recognition from FFA, having been awarded both the Honorary State Farmer and Honorary American Farmer Degrees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol is an active member of the local chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers (CRFG) and has been a board member for CRFG Inc. for about ten years. He has taught an estimated 15,000 high school and college students how to graft their own apple tree and this spring the CRFG apple grafting team traveled to 24 schools teaching students to graft their own apple trees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol is a frequent speaker at garden clubs and sponsors a unique "Master Gardener Dahlia Challenge Class" at the California Mid-State Fair; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sabol grows over 1000 giant pumpkin seedlings and donates them to the Farm Supply Company to give away free to all customers and the general public. He has served on the San Luis Obispo Giant Pumpkin Contest since the first contest in 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor Dr. Joe Sabol on being selected by the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau to receive the 2013 Agriculturalist of the Year award for his many years of contribution to all aspects of the County's agricultural community and their dedicated service for the betterment of agriculture.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk